

AK an interface [that can be connected] for connection to various external apparatuses;

external-apparatus identifying means for determining [the] a type of an external apparatus connected to the interface and outputting data representing [the] a type of the external apparatus; and

control means for controlling transmission of output data to the an external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with [the] a result of determining the type of the external apparatus by the external-apparatus identifying means.

--2. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the external-apparatus identifying means determines whether the external apparatus is a data storage apparatus that has memory means for storing [the] data input through the interface, and the control means stops the transmission of output data to the external apparatus when the external-apparatus identifying means determines that the external apparatus is [a] the data storage apparatus.

--3. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the external-apparatus identifying means determines [the] a version of the external apparatus, and the control means controls the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through

A the interface, in accordance with the version of the external apparatus.

--4. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the external-apparatus identifying means determines whether the external apparatus is a copyright-related one, and the control means controls the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with [the] a result of determination.

--5. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the control means controls the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with copy-permitting information that controls copying of the output data.

--6. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 5, [characterized in that] further comprising:

data-reproducing means [is] provided for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the copy permitting information is recorded on the recording medium together with the copy-permitting information.

--7. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the control means controls the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with an amount

in which the output data is to be transmitted to the external apparatus.

AI --8. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the control means controls the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with a speed at which the output data is to be transmitted to the external apparatus.

--9. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein data-reproducing means is provided for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the control means controls the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with the recording medium.

--10. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the control means selectively encrypts the output data before the output data is transmitted to the external apparatus.

--11. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, [characterized in that] further comprising: fee-charging means [is provided] for charging a fee in accordance with the transmission of output data through the interface, and the control means controls a fee-charging process performed by the fee-charging means, in accordance with [a]

the result of determination made by the external-apparatus identifying means.

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--12. (Amended) A data transmitting method for use in a data transmitting apparatus having an interface [that can be connected] for connection to various external apparatuses, [said] the method comprising the steps of:

determining [the] a type of an external apparatus connected to the interface and outputting data representing the type of the external apparatus; and

controlling transmission of output data to [the] an external apparatus through the interface, in accordance with [the] a result of determining the type of the external apparatus.

--13. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein it is determined, in the step of determining the type of the external apparatus, whether the external apparatus is a data storage apparatus that has memory means for storing [the] data input through the interface, and the transmission of output data to the external-apparatus is stopped in the step of controlling transmission of output data when [the external-apparatus identifying means determines] it is determined that the external apparatus is [a] the data storage apparatus.

--14. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein a version of the

external apparatus is determined in the step of controlling transmission of output data, and the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface is controlled in the step of controlling transmission of output data in accordance with the version of the external apparatus.

AK --15. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein it is determined, in the step of determining the type of the external apparatus, whether the external apparatus is a copyright-related one, and the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface is controlled in the step of controlling transmission of output data in accordance with the result of determination.

--16. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface is controlled in the step of controlling transmission of output data in accordance with copy-permitting information that controls copying of the output data.

--17. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 16, [characterized in that] further comprising: a data-reproducing step [is] provided for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the copy-permitting information is recorded on the recording medium together with the copy-permitting information.


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--18. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with an amount in which the output data is to be transmitted to the external apparatus.

--19. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with a speed at which the output data is to be transmitted to the external apparatus.

--20. (Amended) The data transmission method according to claim 12, [characterized in that a] wherein the step of reproducing data is provided for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interface is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with the recording medium.

--21. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein the output data is selectively encrypted, in the step of controlling the transmission of output data, before the output data is transmitted to the external apparatus.

--22. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to

 claim 12, [characterized in that] further comprising: a fee-charging step [is provided] for charging a fee in accordance with the transmission of output data through the interface, and a fee-charging process performed by the fee-charging means is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with a result [of determination made by the external-apparatus identifying means] in the step of controlling.

--23. (Amended) A data apparatus comprising:
a plurality of interfaces of different types; and
control means for controlling transmission of output data through the plurality of interfaces in accordance with the types of interfaces.

--24. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 23, [characterized in that] wherein the control means controls the transmission of output data through the interfaces, in accordance with copy-permitting information that controls copying of the output data.

--25. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 24, [characterized in that] further comprising: data-reproducing means [is provided] for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the copy-permitting information is recorded on the recording medium together with the copy-permitting information.

--26. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according

to claim 23, [characterized in that] wherein the control means controls the transmission of output data through the interfaces, in accordance with an amount in which the output data is to be transmitted.

--27. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 23, [characterized in that] wherein the control means controls the transmission of output data through the interfaces, in accordance with a speed at which the output data is to be transmitted.

--28. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 23, [characterized in that] wherein data-reproducing means is provided for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the control means controls the transmission of output data through the interfaces plurality of, in accordance with the recording medium.

--29. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 23, [characterized in that] wherein the control means selectively encrypts the output data before the output data is transmitted.

--30. (Amended) The data transmitting apparatus according to claim 23, [characterized in that] further comprising: fee-charging means [is provided] for charging a fee in accordance with the transmission of output data through the plurality of interfaces, and the control means controls a fee-charging process performed by the fee-charging means, in accordance

with the types of the plurality of interfaces.

--31. (Amended) A data transmitting method for use in a data transmitting apparatus having a plurality of interfaces of different types, [said] the method comprising the steps of: controlling transmission of output data through [the] interfaces, in accordance with determining the types of the interfaces.

--32. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 31, [characterized in that] wherein the transmission of output data through the interfaces is controlled in the step of controlling transmission of output data in accordance with determining a presence of copy-permitting information that controls copying of the output data.

--33. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 32, [characterized in that] further comprising: a data reproducing step [is provided] for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the copy-permitting information is recorded on the recording medium together with the [copy-permitting information] output data.

--34. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 31, [characterized in that] wherein the transmission of output data to the external apparatus through the interfaces is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with an amount in which the output data is to be transmitted to the external apparatus.

--35. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 31, [characterized in that] wherein the transmission of output data through the interfaces is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with a speed at which the output data is to be transmitted to the external apparatus.

--36. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 31, [characterized in that] wherein a step of reproducing data is provided for reproducing the output data from a recording medium, and the transmission of output data through the interfaces in the step of controlling the transmission of output data is controlled in accordance with the recording medium.

--37. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 31, [characterized in that] wherein the output data is selectively encrypted, in the step of controlling the transmission of output data, before the output data is transmitted.

--38. (Amended) The data transmitting method according to claim 31, [characterized in that] further comprising: a fee-charging step [is provided] for charging a fee in accordance with the transmission of output data through the interfaces, and a fee-charging process [performed by the fee-charging means] is controlled in the step of controlling the transmission of output data in accordance with the types of

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A2 --41. (Amended) A data transmitting method for use in a data transmitting apparatus for transmitting, through an interface, output data reproduced from a recording medium, [said] the method comprising:

a fee-charging control step of performing a fee-charging process in accordance with the transmission of output data through the interface and controlling the transmission of output data,

wherein the fee-charging control step is to perform the fee-charging process by updating, in accordance with the fee to be charged, data recorded on the recording medium and corresponding to a sum of fees that can be charged for the recording medium, and to stop the transmission of output data through the interface when the data corresponding to the sum of fees reaches or exceeds a predetermined value. ✓

--42. (Amended) A data transmitting method for use in a data transmitting apparatus for transmitting, through an interface, output data reproduced from a recording medium, [said] the method comprising:

a fee-charging control step of performing a fee-charging process in accordance with the transmission of output data through the interface and controlling the transmission of output data,

wherein the fee-charging control step is to perform the